

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 11, and add new Claims 12 and 13 as shown below.

The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus which supplies print data to a printer, comprising:

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on the printer;

a determining determination-step of determining whether or not ~~the~~ [[a]]

document includes a page which is not printed by the printer;

a print setting structure output step of outputting, when it is determined in ~~said~~

[[the]] determination step that the document includes a page which is not printed by the printer, a

print setting structure ~~indicating that the~~ ~~instructs to set a non-billing page is not subject to billing~~

to ~~a~~ rendering ~~unit~~ means of an OS; and

~~a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,~~

~~wherein said generating a print data generation-step generates a non-billing~~

~~command upon receiving of generating, when the print setting structure that instructs to set a~~

~~non-billing page is received via the rendering ~~unit~~ means of the OS, ~~and~~~~

~~wherein said providing step provides the non-billing command to the printer~~

~~before the printer prints the page of the document, so that the printer does not perform a process~~

~~relating to billing for the page during printing of the document based on the print data-a~~

~~non-billing command.~~

2. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus that supplies print data to a printer which comprises a middle insert unit configured to insert means for inserting an independently fed index sheet between printed print sheets upon printing and exhausting print sheets, the method comprising:

a setting step of setting whether or not an index sheet is to be inserted;

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on the printer;

and

a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,

wherein said providing step provides a non-billing command to the printer before processing the index sheet in the printer so that the index sheet is not subject to the billing an instruction step of instructing, when it is set in the setting step that the index sheet is to be inserted, the printer to exclude the index sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 2, further comprising a determining determination-step of determining whether or not the printer is compatible to the non-billing command provided an instruction issued in said providing the instruction-step.

4. (Currently amended) A program for making a computer connected to a printer, which comprises a middle insert unit configured to insert means for inserting an independently fed index sheet between printed print sheets upon printing and exhausting print sheets, execute:

a setting step of setting whether or not an index sheet is to be inserted;

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on the printer;

and

a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,

wherein said providing step provides a non-billing command to the printer before processing the index sheet in the printer so that the index sheet is not subject to the billing-an instruction-step of instructing, when it is set in the setting step that the index sheet is to be inserted, the printer to exclude the index sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

5. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus that supplies print data to a printer which comprises a middle insert unit configured to insert means for inserting an independently fed-index sheet between printed print sheets upon printing and exhausting print sheets, comprising:

setting means for setting whether or not an index sheet is to be inserted;

generating means for generating print data for printing a document on the printer;

and

providing means for providing the print data to the printer,

wherein said providing means provides a non-billing command to the printer before processing the index sheet in the printer so that the index sheet is not subject to the billing instruction-means for, when said setting means sets that the index sheet is to be inserted, instructing the printer to exclude the index sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

6. (Currently amended) A print system having a printer which comprises a middle insert unit configured to insert means for inserting an independently fed-index sheet between printed print sheets upon printing and exhausting print sheets, and a host computer connected to said printer,

said host computer comprising:

a setting unit configured to set ~~means for setting~~ whether or not an index sheet is to be inserted;

a generating unit configured to generate print data for printing a document on said printer;

a providing unit configured to provide the print data to said printer; and

an instructing unit configured to instruct ~~means for~~, when said setting unit ~~means~~-sets that the index sheet is to be inserted, instruct ~~instructing~~-said printer to exclude the index sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed when said printer prints the document based on the print data, and

said printer comprising:

a printing unit configured to print the document based on the provided print data;

a counting unit configured to count ~~means for counting~~ the number of printed-sheets for the purpose of billing; and

a controlling unit configured to control ~~means for controlling~~ a count operation of said counting unit ~~count~~ ~~means~~ on the basis of an instruction from said instructing unit, so that said counting unit ~~does not count up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the index sheet is inserted, and counts up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the printed sheet is discharged~~ ~~instruction~~ ~~means~~.

7. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus that supplies print data to a printer which comprises a 2-sided-print unit capable of means for forming images on two faces of a print sheet and exhausting the printed print sheet, the method comprising:

a setting step of setting whether or not a blank sheet is to be inserted between printed print sheets at a predetermined division position;

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on the printer;

and

a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,

wherein said providing step provides a non-billing command to the printer before processing the blank sheet in the printer so that the blank sheet is not subject to the billing an instruction step of instructing, when it is set in the setting step that the blank sheet is to be inserted, the printer to exclude the blank sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising a determination step of determining whether or not the printer is compatible to the non-billing command provided an instruction issued in said providing the instruction-step.

9. (Currently amended) A program for making a computer that supplies print data to a printer, which comprises a print unit capable of 2-sided-print means for forming images on two faces of a print sheet and exhausting the printed print sheet, execute:

a setting step of setting whether or not a blank sheet is to be inserted between printed print sheets at a predetermined division position;

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on the printer;
and

a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,
wherein said providing step provides a non-billing command to the printer before
processing the blank sheet in the printer so that the blank sheet is not subject to the billing-an
instruction step of instructing, when it is set in the setting step that the blank sheet is to be
inserted, the printer to exclude the blank sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

10. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus that supplies print
data to a printer which comprises a printing unit capable of 2-sided print means for forming
images on two faces of a print sheet and exhausting the printed print sheet, comprising:

a setting unit configured to set ~~means for setting~~ whether or not a blank sheet is to
be inserted between printed print sheets at a predetermined division position;

a generating unit configured to generate print data for printing a document on the
printer; and

a providing step of providing the print data to the printer,
wherein said providing unit provides a non-billing command to the printer before
processing the blank sheet in the printer so that the blank sheet is not subject to the billing
instruction means for, when said setting means sets that the blank sheet is to be inserted,
instructing the printer to exclude the blank sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed.

11. (Currently amended) A print system which has a printer which comprises 2 sided a print means for unit capable of forming images on two faces of a print sheet and exhausting the printed print sheet, and a host computer connected to said printer,

said host computer comprising:

a setting means for setting unit configured to set whether or not a blank sheet is to be inserted at a predetermined division position between printed print sheets; and

a generation unit configured to generate print data for printing a document on said printer;

a providing unit configured to provide the print data to said printer; and

an instruction means for unit configured to, when said setting means unit sets that the blank sheet is to be inserted, instructing the instructs said printer to exclude the blank sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed when said printer prints the document based on the print data, and

said printer comprising:

a print unit configured to print the document based on the provided print data;

a count means for counting unit configured to count the number of printed sheets for the purpose of billing; and

a control means for controlling unit configured to control a count operation of said count means unit on the basis of an instruction from said instruction means unit, so that said count unit does not count up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the blank sheet is inserted, and counts up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the printed sheet is discharged.

12. (New) A printing method for a printer which comprises a middle insert unit

configured to insert an index sheet between printed print sheets upon printing and exhausting print sheets, and a host computer connected to said printer, said method comprising:

performing by the host computer:

a setting step of setting whether or not an index sheet is to be inserted;

a generating step of generating print data for printing a document on said printer;

a providing step of providing unit configured to provide the print data to said printer; and

an instructing step of, when said setting step sets that the index sheet is to be inserted, instructing said printer to exclude the index sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed when said printer prints the document based on the print data, and

performing by the printer:

a printing step of printing the document based on the provided print data;

a counting step of counting the number of sheets for the purpose of billing; and

a controlling step of controlling a count operation of said counting step on the basis of an instruction from said instructing step, so that said counting step does not count up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the index sheet is inserted, and counts up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the printed sheet is discharged.

13. (New) A method for a print system which has a printer which comprises a print unit capable of forming images on two faces of a print sheet, and a host computer connected

to said printer,

said host computer performing:

a setting step of setting whether or not a blank sheet is to be inserted between printed print sheets;

a generation step of generating print data for printing a document on said printer;

a providing step of providing the print data to said printer; and

an instruction step of, when said setting step sets that the blank sheet is to be inserted, instructing said printer to exclude the blank sheet to be inserted from sheets to be billed when said printer prints the document based on the print data, and

said printer performing:

a print step of printing the document based on the provided print data;

a count step of counting the number of sheets for the purpose of billing; and

a control step of controlling a count operation of said count step on the basis of an instruction from said instruction step, so that said count step does not count up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the blank sheet is inserted, and counts up the number of sheets for the purpose of billing when the printed sheet is discharged.